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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR
 SUBJECT: Action on NSC 50
 REFERENCE: Circular Memo of July 7 from Executive Secretary re
 NSC 50

1. Does DCI want any action from ICAPS on the following NSC 50 recommendations?

SECTION I

COORDINATION

(#2 on pages 2 and 3 of NSC 50)

"Statement of Principles for DCI and IAC"

"IAC should participate more actively in the continuing coordination of intelligence activities and in the discussion and approval of intelligence estimates." (N.B. It says IAC not IAC agencies, but we understand you think it means the Agencies rather than the Members themselves). Maybe the monthly IAC meetings take care of the first part of this item.

QUESTIONS REQUIRING ATTENTION

(#4 on pages 4 - 7 of NSC 50)

Progress Report within 6 months on matters listed on pages 4 and 5.

Those not already resolved, so far as we know, are:

(4) "The proper allocation of responsibility for political summaries." (If CIA followed NSCIDs No. 1 and No. 3 this question could not have been raised).

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(6) "The coordination of covert intelligence activities in occupied areas."

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(7) [redacted] (Now being worked on by DDCI/FBI and ICAPS).

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(8) "Increased emphasis on the counter-espionage activities abroad of CIA and closer liaison for counter-espionage matters with the FBI."

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

(#5 on pages 7 and 8 of NSC 50)

Statement of Principles for DCI and IAC

P. C. maintains that this says the Members on the IAC should discuss estimates, but all others think this means that the Estimates should be discussed by the IAC Agencies (not necessarily the Members themselves).

IF the procedures outlined in NSCID 3 and its two implementing DCIs are being carried out, there are interdepartmental discussions of Estimates; but ORE seems to be loath to have discussions with other IAC Agencies around a table.

"A Procedure" (Page 8) could be adopted by instructing ORE to follow DCI 3/1 and 3/2. So far as we know there already are "concurrent submissions of dissent."

NOTE:

The above three items were circulated to DCI and IAC "for information and appropriate implementation," so we think these three subjects should be discussed at the next IAC Meeting (July 22nd).

We shall ask the Standing Committee Members at this Thursday's meeting (on Scientific Intelligence) regarding the advisability of holding a Standing Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 20th to discuss these three items before the IAC Meeting.

SECTION II

Reference: Memo to DCI of July 7 from Executive Secretary, NSC
"Clandestine Activities"

1. It is ICAPS understanding that this matter will be handled directly by OSO and OPC.

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SECTION III

Reference: Memo to DCI of July 8 from Acting Executive Secretary,
NSC re NSC 50

QUESTIONS REQUIRING ATTENTION

Already discussed above in first section of this Memo.

ORGANIZATION OF CIA

It is believed the Executive and the appropriate Assistant Directors are working on the recommended changes on page 9 of NSC 50.

So far as ICAPS (paragraph 5) is concerned, we still maintain it is a staff responsible only to DCI so needs no "re constituting" and its planning and coordination functions are inconsistent with OCD's operating duties.

SECURITY OF INFORMATION AND AVOIDANCE OF PUBLICITY

A NSCID on this subject is being drafted by ICAPS and General Counsel for circulation within CIA and to the Standing Committee this week, prior to a Standing Committee Meeting next week.

KEY PERSONNEL

It is believed that this subject is being handled by DCI and Executive.



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